



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICAL  
CONTRACTORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
LICENSE OF

EDMUND PETERWAS  
License No. 8037

TO PRACTICE ELECTRICAL  
CONTRACTING IN THE STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER  
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a licensed electrical contractor in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
2. The Board received information that respondent had performed electrical work on behalf of Codelco Incorporated in October of 1999 for a 94-year old female consumer of Linden, New Jersey. The consumer's niece had assisted in filing a complaint with the Board that she had contracted to perform work for which she was charged an excessive amount.
3. On April 18, 2001, respondent appeared before the Board, and indicated that he had subcontracted with Codelco Incorporated to perform the electrical work in question, for which work he had invoiced them \$1,800.00. Respondent stated that he had subsequently learned that

Codelco Incorporated had contracted with the consumer to perform this work for an excessive charge.

4. Respondent admitted that he did not apply for a permit to perform the electrical work for the consumer until a complaint had been filed with the Linden Police Department, and he was contacted in reference to that complaint.

5. Respondent admitted that he did not call for an inspection of the electrical work performed for the Linden consumer in October of 1999.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The above conduct constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:31-1.6 and -1.8 in, which requires that licensees must be familiar with laws, ordinances and regulations pertaining to electrical contracting (inasmuch as respondent was required to apply for a municipal permit in order to engage in the work that he performed in Linden); and that inspections are to be performed on completed work in conformity with N.J.A.C. 5:23-1.1 et seq.

2. Respondent is therefore subject to discipline pursuant too N.J.S.A 45:1-21(e), for professional misconduct; and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h), violation of a regulation administered by the Board.

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusion, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on June 6, 2001, imposing a civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 and costs in the amount of \$106.86. A copy of the Order was forwarded to respondent's last known address by means of both regular and certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5;00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless responded requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and

conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Although the record reflects that the Provisional Order was served upon respondent, no response has been received to date. Accordingly, the Board considered the matter, determined that further proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 and costs in the amount of \$106.86, for a total of \$606.86. Respondent is to forward payment of the amount of \$606.86, in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey, to the attention of Barbara Cook, Executive Director, State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45006, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Said payment is to be made within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF  
EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

By:

  
Joseph P. Schooley  
Board Chairman